

# OREGON POTATOES



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## PROCESSING

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 38.5 million cwt of raw potatoes to January 1, 2004, a decrease of 2 percent from the 39.5 million cwt processed during the same period last year but an increase of 9 percent from the 35.3 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processing to January 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 34.5 percent of the 2003 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, used 30.7 million cwt of raw potatoes to January 1, a 12 percent decrease from a year ago but a 12 percent increase from two years ago. Total processing of the 2003 crop potatoes was 86.8 million cwt to January 1, down nearly 6 percent from last year but up 8 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 18.4 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,<sup>1/</sup> SELECTED STATES, 2002 AND 2003

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>									
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2002-03	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003-04	24,310	30,730	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine <sup>2/ 4/</sup>	2002-03	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003-04	1,590	2,095	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore. <sup>4/</sup>	2002-03	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003-04	32,670	38,520	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	2002-03	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003-04	12,570	15,445	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL <sup>4/</sup>	2002-03	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003-04	71,140	86,790	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ December 1, 2003 processing revised.

## JANUARY 1 STOCKS UP FIVE PERCENT

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 15.8 million cwt as of January 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 5 percent from January 1, 2003. This total accounts for 75 percent of the 2003 crop production in Oregon, compared to 60 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 70 percent of Oregon's stocks are in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 12 percent are in Klamath County and 11 percent are in Malheur County. Last year at this time, nearly 62 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 13 percent were in Klamath County and 17 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are up 19 percent from one year ago, Klamath County stocks are identical to last year's, and Malheur County stocks are down 31 percent from last year.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after January 1.

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# UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 234 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 58 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 3 percent long white (Shepody), and 82 percent russet, with more round whites and fewer russets than a year ago. Disappearance, at 170 million cwt from the start of harvest to January 1, is down 3 percent from the same period last year but 5 percent above two years ago.

Western States held 157 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, down 5 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 7 percent from last year, Colorado decreased 14 percent and California lost 21 percent. Washington's sheds stored 1 percent more than last year, Oregon gained 5 percent, and Montana increased 3 percent.

Central States accounted for 60.2 million cwt of potato stocks this January, up 14 percent from last year and 11 percent above two years ago. Wisconsin's stocks increased 6 percent from last year's level, North Dakota gained 24 percent, and Minnesota went up 18 percent. Nebraska's stocks are 27 percent more than last year, and Ohio jumped 350 percent. Michigan's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 16.5 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, up 17 percent from last year and 20 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 8 percent, New York's gained 56 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 45 percent.

## FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1999-2003 OREGON & 15 FALL STATES <sup>1/</sup>

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS							
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR						
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1	
OREGON	1,000 Cwt.								
	1999	28,020	22,000	20,500	18,600	15,500	13,000	9,000	5,500
	2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
	2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
	2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,000	9,900	7,500	4,800	2,300
	2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	-	-	-	-	-
15 STATES	1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
	2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
	2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
	2002	407,821	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980
	2003 <sup>2/</sup>	403,946	267,860	233,880	-	-	-	-	-

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ December 1, 2003 stocks revised.

## PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JANUARY 1, 2003 AND JANUARY 1, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2003	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2004	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>			<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		
California	4,264	2,900	68	3,444	2,300	67
Colorado	27,885	18,100	65	23,652	15,500	66
Idaho	133,385	82,500	62	123,180	76,500	62
Maine	16,960	11,200	66	17,030	12,100	71
Michigan	13,878	6,500	47	15,015	6,500	43
Minnesota	18,700	10,500	56	22,330	12,400	56
Montana	3,224	3,000	93	3,339	3,100	93
Nebraska	8,611	4,550	53	9,860	5,800	59
New York	5,500	1,800	33	6,510	2,800	43
N. Dakota	23,460	14,000	60	27,440	17,300	63
Ohio	903	40	4	1,290	180	14
Oregon	24,936	15,000	60	20,991	15,800	75
Pennsylvania	2,590	1,100	42	3,915	1,600	41
Washington	92,400	43,500	47	93,150	44,000	57
Wisconsin	31,125	17,000	55	32,800	18,000	55
15 STATES	407,821	231,690	57	403,946	233,880	58

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.